उत्तर प्रदेश में मानव अधिकार आयोग

400. **श्री शिबू सोरेन:** क्या गृह मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) क्या यह सच है कि देश के सबसे बड़े राज्य उत्तर प्रदेश में मानव अधिकार आयोग का गठन अब तक नहीं किया गया है;

(ख) यदि हां, तो उसके क्या कारण हैं और उस राज्य में कब तक मानव अधिकार आयोग का गठन किया जाएगा; और

(ग) देश में मानव अधिकार किन-किन राज्यों में कार्यरत है?

गृह मंत्री (श्री लाल कृष्ण आडवाणी): (क) और (ख) जी हां, श्रीमान्। उत्तर प्रदेश सरकार ने मामले पर विचार करने के पश्चात् यह निर्णय लिया है कि राज्य मानवाधिकार आयोग के गठन की आवश्यकता नहीं है चूंकि वैकल्पिक शिकायत निवारण तंत्र मौजूद है, उदाहरणार्थ:—

(i) उत्तर प्रदेश विधान सभा और विधान परिषद्।

(ii) राज्य अनुसूचित जाति/अनुसूचित जनजाति आयोग।

(iii) राज्य पिछड़ा वर्ग आयोग।

(iv) राज्य अल्पसंख्यक आयोग।

(v) (क) राज्य सरकार के गृह विभाग में मानवाधिकार प्रकोष्ठ।

(ख) पुलिस महानिरीक्षक के कार्यालय में मानवाधिकार प्रकोष्ठ।

(ग) उपलब्ध सूचना के अनुसार राज्य मानवाधिकार आयोग असम, हिमाचल प्रदेश, मध्य प्रदेश, पश्चिम बंगाल, तमिलनाडु, पंजाब तथा जम्मू और कश्मीर राज्यों में कार्य कर रहे हैं।

Freedom Fighters Pension Cases in Andhra Pradesh

401. SHRI AMAR SINGH: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Committee which was appointed by Government to identify the genuine cases for the grant of freedom fighter pension in A.P. have recommended a large number of bogus cases for the grant of pension and some of them are even under aged;

(b) whether Government had received any communication in this regard and if so, the details therefor; and

(c) what action Government have taken to cancel those bogus cases and the action taken against the membrs of the Committee?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) and (c) The cases recommended by the Hyderabad Special Screening Committee since January, 1997 have been referred to the concerned State Governments, including the Government of Andhra Pradesh, for verfication. The reports of the State Governments are awaited.

(b) Complaints have been received in this regard from various quarters.

Renaming of Ahmedabad to Karnavati

402. SHRI BANGARU LAXMAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Gujarat Legislative Assembly sent a proposal of renaming Ahmedabad as "Karnavati" which was unanimously approved by them;

(b) whether the proposal has been rejected by Government; and

(c) if so, the reasons therefor and whether Government will reconsider the proposal?

THE MINISTER OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI L.K. ADVANI): (a) to (c) The proposal for changing the name of Ahmedabad to Karnavati was received by the Government of India from the State Government of Gujarat after a Resolution in this regard had been passed by the Ahmedabad Municipal Corporation. The Government of India has, for the present, decided not to change the name.